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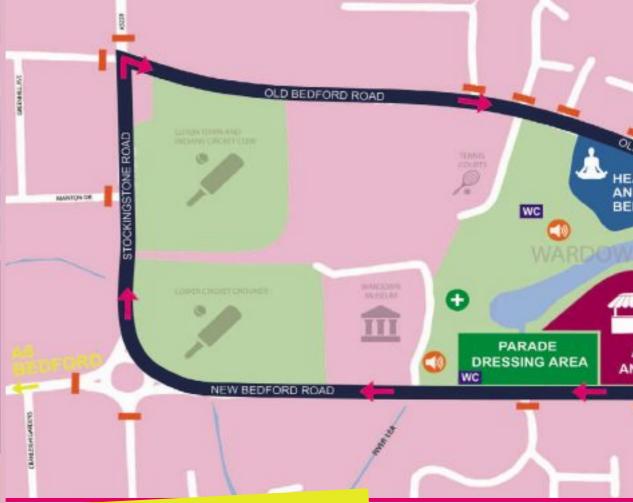
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# 'I don't blame him - it's just so unfair'

Brother speaks out after one-punch killer locked up for Tomas' manslaughter

BY JAMES AVERILL

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THE brother of a man who was killed by a single punch says he does not feel any anger towards his killer just anger at the unfair way he has lost him.

Vaidas Juska paid an emo-tional tribute to his brother Tomas (pictured right), who was killed in a fracas outside Club Cookies in Dunstable last vear.

His attacker Cortney Batchelor was jailed for four years on Friday at Luton Crown Court for Tomas'

manslaughter.
But in an emotional and dignified statement Vaidas paid tribute to his brother and also revealed he did not blame Batchelor for the horrific results of his actions. Vaidas said: "I think about

Tomas every single day of my life.
"When I think about him I

feel a mix of upset and



anger. Not anger at who punched him but anger at the fact he is no longer with us. I do not blame the person who punched him because I realise that it takes two people to be involved in something like this but it doesn't stop me thinking that what happened ion't fair and that it nened isn't fair and that it isn't fair that Tomas was

killed in such a way." Batchelor, 21, of Paisley Close, was sentenced after being found guilty of man-slaughter following the death of 24-year-old Tomas, who died the day after the incident on August 23 last

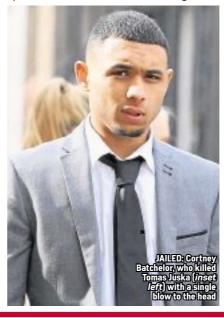
During the trial the jury heard how Batchelor approached Tomas outside of the club and punched him in the head, causing him to fall backwards and hit his head on the pave-ment, making a noise that witnesses said was 'sicken-

Detective Inspector Fraser Wylie, of the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, and Hertfordshire Major Crime Unit, said that although Batchelor had not intended to kill Tomas, his actions

had led to his death.

He said: "I hope this will act as a lesson to other young people - it only takes one second and one punch to change the lives of so many people for the worse. ■ Hear from PC Mark Paul, the first officer on the scene. who administered CPR to

Tomas - on page 12.



### Acid attack victim now in hospital

A MAN who had acid thrown in his face has told how 'the community came together' to support him after the shocking attack

Atif Khan, who runs self-drive hire company Royal Rentals, was splashed with the corrosive substance on Thursday morning outside the Royal Peri Peri chicken shop on Leagrave Road.

Speaking exclusively to Luton on Sunday from his hospital bed in a specialist unit, the business owner said the vicious attack happened suddenly.

Attr said: "It was not business related, it was

just a personal issue and that's about it.

"But obviously a form of acid was thrown at me. It was very sudden.

"I'm in hospital at the moment, I'm in a specialist unit and I'm recovering.

A police cordon was set up outside the restaurant while the force also cordoned off a black BMW outside a row of shops as it carried out investigations.

So far no-one has been arrested in connection with the attack, which is said to have caused damage to the right side of Atif's face.

Bedfordshire Police confirmed it was called to reports of an 'assault' at 10 35am on Thursday

and enquiries were ongoing.

A spokesman for the East of England
Ambulance Service said: "First resources were on scene in under four minutes and treated one patient for head injuries before conveying them to Luton and Dunstable Hospital (L&D) for further treatment?

Atif, who has now been transferred to another hospital from L&D, is hoping that the perpetrator is caught, and was pleased 'the community had come together' to wish him well.

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Thursday as police evacuated Conway Medical Centre on Westbourne Road due to a bomb threat. No bomb was found

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### Two men die in fatal car collision

TWO men died and another is critically injured following a collision on Friday.

There was a crash in Newlands Road, Luton, at 7.20pm between a BMW and an Audi.

Emergency services attended and the driver of the BMW was pronounced dead at the scene.

One of the passengers in the vehicle was airlifted to The Royal Free Hospital in London but later died from his injuries, while a second

passenger suffered minor injuries. The driver of the Audi was taken to Luton & Dunstable Hospital where he remains in a critical condition.

Police are appealing for witnesses

to get in touch. Sergeant Craig Baker said: "I would appeal to anyone who witnessed the collision or saw either vehicle prior to it to contact police."

Anyone with any information

should call the roads policing team on 101 quoting incident 366 of 20

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# Luton taxi trade furious at airport - 'jobs may be lost'

BY JAMES AVERILL editor@lsnmedia.com

HACKNEY carriage taxi drivers fear they could lose their jobs after they lost a contract to ferry passengers from Luton Airport.

Hackney Association has operated a taxi rank outside the terminal for the last 10 years.

But London Luton Airport has decided not to renew the contract which ended in February, and following a tendering process has awarded it to London based firm



**Luton Hackney Carriage Association** 

Addison Lee for five years. Workers from the new company will begin ing problems for locals.

Waqaas Mohuyddin, 37, is a representative for the taxi associa-tion, and the third generation of

his family to cover the airport.

He told *Luton on Sunday*: "The impact is going to be huge – there are 167 livelihoods at stake and jobs may be lost.

"We are all worried about what we are going to do. But we're looking at signing on because there's nothing in the town centre for us.

An online petition calling for a review of the decision has nearly reached 1,000 signatures. But Luton Aiport said drivers from other firms could still pick passengers up from drop-off zones and car parks, and the decision to award Addison Lee the contract was to 'ensure passengers receive the best service'.

A spokesman said: "We understand why they are disappointed – but this has been a fair and open tender process.

'We understand Addison Lee is talking to the local drivers to dispotential employment opportunities.



### p to 50 new jobs at burger bar

THE chief executive of an American burger chain has said he is 'excited' to be moving into Luton – and that up to 50 jobs will be created as a result. Five Guys will open its 45th UK

branch in St George's Square next Sunday.

A typical Five Guys restaurant employs between 35-45 people, and UK CEO John Eckbert also believes that the store will attract more than 3,000 customers each week.

Explaining why the chain chose Luton to move to next, he said: "We think Luton is a good market as it has a good student population.
"We targeted the top 100 commercial

markets and Luton sits within that.
"We're moving into a beautiful building in the town centre that is quite prominent - which is important as we don't really do any advertising.

"We rely on people discovering Five Guys by word of mouth or simply just

by walking past a restaurant."

He also hinted that the success of another restaurant may also have played its part.

The town has quite a successful Nando's, and people who like Nando's typically also like our brand.

"But the number one thing people want to see is a fresh meal, and at Five Guys everything is freshly prepared and we don't use any freezers, which is challenging but rewarding."

# Feline fine about bid for fluffy theme park

**BY JENNA HUTBER** 

A CAT enthusiast believes she has come up with the purrfect plan to entertain moggy-mad people in Bedfordshire: her

own cat theme park.
Caroline Harvey, 37, a marketing manager from Caddington, has launched a crowd funding initiative to develop the World of Cats leisure park.

The plans include cat-themed rides, cat shows, a cat hotel, cat 'meet and greets', a cat maze and a cat adoption centre, all built around a paw-print mini-

Caroline decided to take matters into her own hands after realising there are no tourist attractions for 'people who want to learn about cats' in Bedfordshire.

She said: "I was on maternity leave and I was thinking about places I could take my son. There's bird world, water world and I thought why not a cat world? There's no where for people to learn about cats and I

wanted to be able to take my son somewhere I could teach him about cats.

"After we raise the initial "After we raise the initial £100,000 to get the idea off the ground I will be able to use my marketing background to secure the larger funding needed to develop the project. I definitely wouldn't want it to be in London, Land is expense. be in London, Land is expensive in Bedfordshire but close enough to the capital to draw in tourism."

Sadly cat owners won't be able to bring their pets along for a spin on the rollercoasters.
Caroline said: "The essence

of the park is to educate people about cats and taking care of them.

It's easy to believe Caroline has been a life-time cat lover but not so: "About seven years ago I went to the rescue centre to adopt a dog. But Bolt came up to me and I just fell in love. He was only 14 weeks old. I couldn't imagine not having a cat now.

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# Teacher banned from classrooms

RY IAMES AVERILL

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A JUNIOR school teacher who sent 'sexually motivated' Facebook messages to a 12-year-old boy has been banned from teaching.

But some parents say they were horrified to find out about the teacher's suspension via this newspaper, instead of the school.

A disciplinary panel in Coventry found Liam Leaning, 36, who taught at Hillborough Junior School, guilty of sexually motivated and unacceptable professional conduct.

After being banned from classrooms, parents were shocked to discover the true reason for the teacher's departure.

parent. Siobhan One Mclaughlin, wrote on *Luton* on *Sunday's* Facebook page:

"I'm going to be paying them a visit to be making my feelings pretty clear that it's disgusting that parents have found out via the press." Another wrote that school

pupils were told that Mr Leaning 'had gone on a break

from teaching for a while'.

Luton on Sunday first reported on the case last Saturday, one day after the disciplinary hearing was published on Friday, May 13.

But a spokesman for Luton Borough Council said the school had notified parents as soon as possible, even though the panel decision was made on April 29.

The spokesman said: "The

judgement was published late on Friday and a letter was issued at the earliest oppor-tunity to parents on Monday, May 16 to reassure them that the child involved in this matter was not a current or former pupil of Hillborough Junior School. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is given extremely high priority in the school, and parents are welcome to discuss any concerns they may have with the headteacher."

In the exchanges between Mr Leaning and the boy there had been talk of relationships

with sexual innuendos.

Mr Leaning himself had admitted the exchanges between him and the boy in 2014 were 'inappropriate' but had denied they were sexually motivated.

The National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) disagreed and imposed an indefinite ban although Mr Leaning could convince another panel that he is fit to return to teaching

The council spokesman added that the school 'accepted the findings of the panel'.



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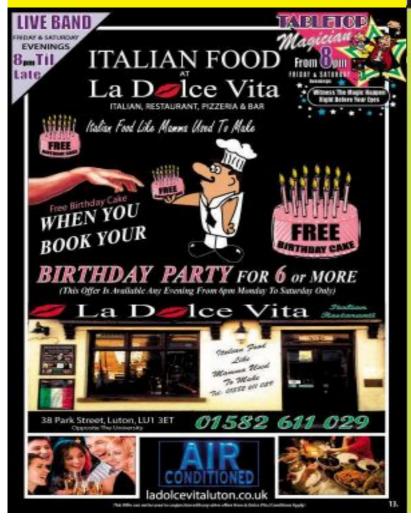
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# **Carnival booze bid** a concern for cops

BY JAMES AVERILL

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POLICE have objected to a restaurant applying to sell alcohol on the day of Luton Carnival as they feel it is located in a 'concern area'.

Vintage Caribbean Cuisine, a restaurant in New Bedford Road, had applied for a temporary event notice to Luton Borough Council requesting to sell alcohol on May 29 – the same day as the carnival. But Bedfordshire Police and

the council's own environ-

mental protection department objected saying ithe sale of booze could lead to problems.

In a letter of objection, police licensing officer, Esther Read, said: "During last year's carnival we had a concern area during and after the carnival in New Bedford Road, which attracted noise complaints in the day. also witnessed a building concern at the end of the carnival which had the potential for crime and disorder.

She went on to say that

granting the licence would

'undermine' police strategy.

Steve Farmer, the council's environmental protection officer, added it could lead to 'public nuisance problems'.

But restaurant owner Dillon Thelwell will try to convince the licensing panel to grant him his licence at a meeting tomorrow evening.

He said: "People should enjoy themselves. It's a carnival so people should expect noise. The carnival is a positive event and Luton needs something like this."

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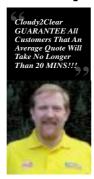
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### Fresh charges over Natalia Doherty death

TWO men have been charged with perverting the course of justice in relation to the historic death of a Luton woman.

Daniel Doherty, 67, of Icknield Way, Luton, and Joseph Doherty, 72, of Old Greenock Road, Port Glasgow, Scotland, also face charges of preventing a lawful burial and obstructing a coroner in the execution of his data in the latest at the discovery of the duty in relation to the discovery of the remains of missing mother-of-three Natalia Docherty in a garden in Luton in December 2015. Both will appear at Luton Magistrates' Court on Thursday May 26.



IN THE DOCK: Two charged in relation to Natalia's death

# Children placed 'at risk' in illegal school

BY KATY HALLAM

A CHILDREN'S charity has questioned the safety of pupils at a Luton school after an investigation by the schools watchdog revealed it was unregistered.

Seven suspected illegal schools have received warning notices – including one in Luton – from Ofsted's chief inspector Sir Michael Wilshaw after an investigation discovered more than 100 unregistered schools

across the country.

In an open letter to Education Secretary Nicky Morgan, he said inspectors were 'deeply alarmed' to find so many illegal schools where children were being 'hidden away' from authorities.

away from authorities.

He said many were providing 'sub-standard education'
and 'placing children at risk'.

A local NSPCC spokesman
for Luton said there were no

guarantees employees had recieved proper background checks or safeguarding training at the unregistered school in Luton.

"It's vital that every individ-ual who works with children passes these checks to help keep every child safe," they added.

Inspections at the illegal schools uncovered serious fire hazards, including inaccessible fire escapes, and unhygienic premises.

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### **Trollied**

THIS week's Dozy Parker spot is dedicated to all those considerate shoppers who leave trolleys in disabled parking spaces. You know who you are! This little collection was spotted at Wickes in Dunstable by Twitter user @sundon\_park.





THEY may have sold more than a million albums, performed in front of Her Majesty The Queen and dueted with Dame Shirley Bassey, but classical boyband Blake still have time to dig into the news from the Luton On Sunday.

into the news from the Luton On Sunday.

The trio - Stephen Bowman, Oliver Baines and Humphrey Berney - enjoyed flicking through the paper before performing in Bedfordshire at a launch event for Bedford Proms.

# Your Luton Letters



### Clamp down on bikers

THE number of illegal motorcyclists using the paths and fields as a racetrack in and around the Bushmead area is rapidly rising.

Too often youths are riding bikes at speed through parks wearing little head protection other than a face bandana to conceal their identity. Motorcyclists carelessly weave past

Motorcyclists carelessly weave past dog walkers, children playing, joggers as well as riding across and destroying crops growing in the fields behind the Bushmead area.

Many residents are concerned by the drastic recent increase in bike numbers and feel it is just a matter of time before an accident happens

time before an accident happens.

The police provide little presence in

the area and reporting the bikers to the police via 101 seems to be a pointless exercise due to the lack of action emanating from it.

Operation Meteor alleges to crackdown on these offenders but it appears to be little more than a data gathering exercise.

Action is needed BEFORE another Luton motorcycle accident occurs, proactive not reactive policing is required.

### required. Bushmead resident

### Vote of no confidence

SO John Tucker is upset due to his ballot paper being spoilt because he entered the same person as his first and second choice. If that is his understanding of first and second, I for one am quite happy he has decided not to vote again as he doesn't sound as if he is up to the task. And, I don't necessarily mean that because he voted UKIP - honest.

because he voted UKII Sheila Lowe Ry email

### X marks the spot

I SYMPATHISE with John in Luton ('A worthless vote', Letters, LoS, 15.5.16) who was upset about the preferential ballot for Police & Crime Commissioner. It's a silly system, and most of us prefer a straightforward circle area in the bar.

single cross in the box.
However, John should know that
even though he voted for the same
party as his first and second preference, his ballot will not classed as
spoiled. I did the same thing and confirmed it would be counted.
Richard Johnson

Bedford By email

### Boris' blunder

BORIS Johnson says the EU is the same as Hitler's vision for Europe. What ignorance! What stupidity!

How insulting to those who, whether or not you agree with UK membership, proposed the idea of what is now the EU. Amongst the the founders, Konrad Adenauer was arrested and imprisoned by the Nazis and Robert Schuman had a price on his head. This was the jibe of a desperate politician and Boris Johnson should apologise. To sum up, whilst Hitler had a fondness for motorways: this does not make motorways a bad idea. lan Nicholls

By email

# **BLOGGER OF THE WEEK:** PC Mark Paul

### Being first on the scene

PC Mark Paul was one of the first police officers on the scene after Tomas Juska was killed with a single punch. With Cortney Batchelor sentenced on Friday for Tomas' manslaughter, PC Paul recalls the night. Read more at: bedspolice.wordpress.com



FRIDAY and Saturday nights as a response officer are full of dealing with people who have had too much to drink, or who have got into a fight.

So when we received a call over the radio in the early hours of Sunday, August 28, last year saying that someone had been punched, we thought it was just a standard job – it didn't necessarily ring alarm bells.

The defining point was when we heard the control room saying: "He's down, he's not getting up."
That was the moment

That was the moment where I looked at my colleague and we knew this was going to be a different situation to your average Saturday night brawl.

Saturday night brawl.
We were the first officers
out of the van. Almost
instantly it was clear to us
that he was unconscious and
not breathing.
We knew the ambulance

We knew the ambulance was on the way, but we had to start CPR straight away.

I knew that Tomas had potentially been punched, but I didn't know anything else at the time. It wasn't for me to worry about why or

how this had happened. That was up to my colleagues who were also on the same van that started the investigation process, cordoning off the area and

identifying witnesses.
The ambulance arrived within minutes and I continued CPR while they set up.

I remember the colour coming back to Tomas when they took over and where they stated that his heart was beating and no longer required compressions.

I then heard the on scene Inspector give an update over the radio stating that CPR appeared to have worked.

In that moment I thought it was all going to be ok. Sadly, Tomas did die. I was

Sadly, Tomas did die. I was told that due to damage to the brain, he had no chance of survival.

I might be a police officer but I'm also human, so it is upsetting to hear that another human is going to die especially from something we now know was so trivial, something that should never have happened.

Incidents like this are ten a

Incidents like this are ten a penny – there are fights all the time. Tomas should have at worst been left with a black eye or suffering from a headache the next day after this type of incident.

I should have been taking a statement from him – not trying to resuscitate him.

I was gutted for all of my colleagues – we had all tried to do our best.

As the investigation continued it was evident that it was just one punch that caused Tomas' death.

Regardless of why that punch was thrown, the end result is hard to take in, it's

not proportionate.

No-one could have predicted an evening out with friends would end like this.

I was pleased the investigation led to a guilty verdict – but I didn't feel any happi-

ness about it. It's tragic.
But I know that we all did
everything we could possibly
do that night, and that's
what makes me proud to be
a police officer.



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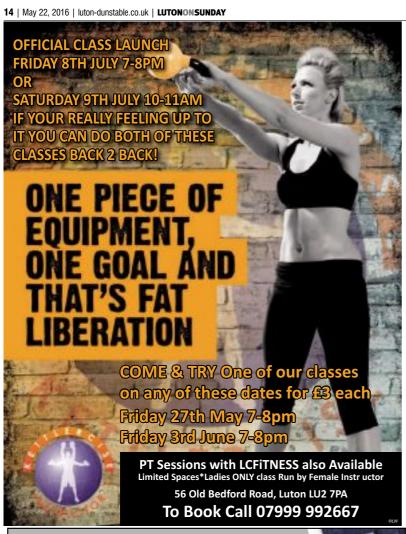


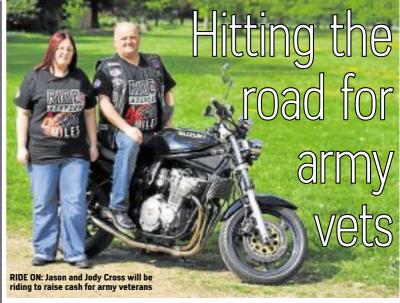
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BY JAMES AVERILL

A BIKER has helped organise an event where thousands of people will ride their motorcycles to raise cash for army

veterans.
Jason Cross, Leagrave, is part of the organ-ising team of the Ride of Respect, which could see up to nearly 20,000 bikers donning their helmets for a

46-mile charity ride.

Despite having no background in the military himself, Jason helps organise the event in recognition of the efforts of the armed forces.

He said: "I first got involved with it in 2010 and have been doing it ever since. All we are

doing it ever since. All we are is a group of bikers that get together to raise money.

"It's usually for a military charity, and it's just to show our appreciation to all of them for keeping our country protected."

The keeping our country

The beneficiary this year is Veterans in Action, a charity which supports veterans suffering with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

The ride will take place on Sunday, June 12 beginning at Bowood House in Wiltshire,

and will go past RAF Lyneham and through Royal Wootton Bassett, RAF Brize Norton before dispersing at Wheatley Services near Oxford.

Jason will be joined by his wife Jody and other riders from across the world. He added: "People

from all over the world, so you see people from Luton and Bedfordshire, but then you can also get people flying over from America.

"It's a good feeling when people come out to line the pavements and cheer you."
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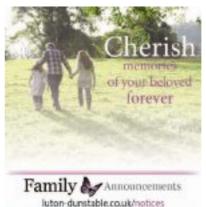


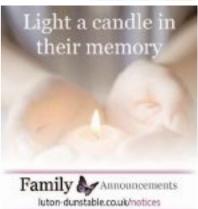


















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### Burglar ransacked home as elderly victim slept

A CALLOUS burglar ransacked an elderly woman's home as she slept.

Police are now appealing for witnesses following the burglary in Leafield, Houghton Regis, last week.

The incident took place between 9pm on Friday, May 13 and 8.30am the following

The offender had entered through an insecure door and conducted a messy search of the property, making off with a handful of household items.

PC Jennifer Buckley, of Bedfordshire Police, is investigating the callous crime. She said: "This was a hugely distressing experience for the victim who was in at the time a stranger was rooting around her

"I would urge anyone who was in the area around this time and saw anything suspicious to contact me on 101 with any information.

"I would also remind residents of our Operation Fidelity home security advice and the importance of ensuring all doors and windows are securely locked when you leave or go to bed."

Anyone who witnessed the incident, or has information, can contact PC Buckley by call-

# 12 years in jail for 'brazen' stabbing

BY COURT REPORTER

editor@lsnmedia.co.uk

A MAN has been sentenced to 12 years in prison after stabbing a man in broad daylight.

Sheraz Khan, 23, of Whitecroft Road, Luton, left his victim with serious injuries requiring life-saving surgery after carrying out his unprovoked attack on the evening of April 7 last year.

He denied the charges but was found guilty of causing grievous bodily harm with



**GUILTY: Sheraz Khan from Luton** 

intent, and possession of a knife in a public place.

Thursday, May 12.

Detective Constable Mandy Godfree, of Bedfordshire Police, said: "Khan carried out his brazen attack in daylight hours, during the school's Easter holidays whilst children were playing in the street. This attack could easily have ended differently.

"I hope such a lengthy sentence sends out the message that unprovoked violence like this will not be tolerated in Bedfordshire.'



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# **Voting system is** just fine for MPs

BY JAMES AVERILL

**BOTH Luton MPs have given** their backing to the current voting system for elections.

Labour shadow chancellor John McDonnell earlier this month called on his close ally Jeremy Corbyn to back a new proportional representation voting system.

But Luton's Labour MPs

Gavin Shuker and Kelvin Hopkins believe the current First Past the Post (FPTP) system is the best.

The FTPT system sees voters select their favoured candidate, and the winner is the one with the most votes

However, often the overall result of an election using FPTP is not relative to the total number of votes cast.

In the 2015 general election UKIP received 12.7 per cent of the popular vote, but just one of 650 parliament seats.

Mr McDonnell was one of eight Labour MPs to write to Mr Corbyn calling for the Labour leader to back a proportional representation system, which would give voters the chance to rank candidates in order of prefer-





FIRST PAST THE POST FANS: MPs Gavin Shuker and Kelvin Hopkins

ence. But according to Luton North MP Mr Hopkins, such a system would result in

'unstable' governments.

He said: "I am a firm supporter of the current First Past the Post voting system.
"Proportional representa-

tion systems mean that after many elections no party gains a majority and unstable coalitions are the

result. "The manifestos that parties presented to the elec-torate are then negotiated away behind closed doors,

with the outcome possibly being policies for which a majority may not have voted."

His Luton South colleague Mr Shuker added his support as FPTP was 'easy to under-

stand for voters'.

But he added: "I support But he added: "I support proportional based systems for virtually all other elections, including for the House of Lords."

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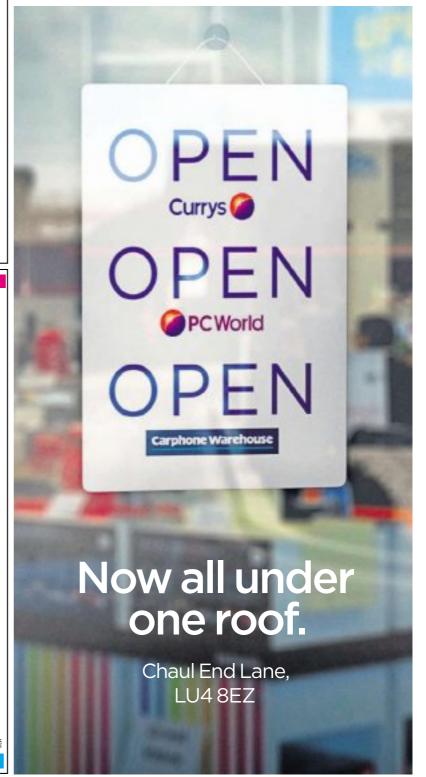
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# The story beh

takes place at Bedfordshire Police for the documentary and, inset, Mark Collins has

welcomed in the film crew

### **BY JAMES AVERILL**

IT'S clear listening to Bedfordshire Police that allowing the prying eyes of a TV crew into their daily business in Luton is some-thing of a risk for them.

The weekly Channel 4 show '24 Hours in Police Custody' has more than two million viewers - and all of them are on hand to judge the force's performance. "It's a gamble," Deputy

Chief Constable Mark Collins admits to Luton on Sunday.

He's speaking at a preview event this week held at BAFTA in London - screening a show about a rape complaint that may not be broadcast until next series.

"We are accountable to the public," he says.
"It is important we are

completely transparent in

everything we do.
"Policing is a contact sport

and the bottom line is I think we have a lot to gain. "It's a gamble as we have no editorial control, but I think it's important to take something on the chin when we have not got something right. And there are real gambles for officers out on the streets every day.

The show gives unprecedented access to the film

crew, allowing them to film cases as they arrive through the door and the subsequent 24 hours where officers have to charge or release them. Simon Ford is an executive

producer for the show, and cannot quite believe the level of access he gets to film

the programme.
"I'm hugely grateful but also amazed at how open and transparent the force are," he tells this paper.

"We don't approach the programme with an agenda, but we are interested in certain stories of course.

We don't want to show endless people getting drunk in the town centre but there is an element of just filming what comes

through the door."
One of those stories recently was the subject of a woman in Luton being forced to watch beheading

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videos by her husband in an arranged marriage - who also had plans for her to travel to Syria and join ISIS.

That particular show was criticised by Luton Borough Council leader Hazel Simmons for its 'negative' portrayal of the town.

But Mr Ford hit back at the claims, saying it was 'a classic case of being cross with the messenger'.

He added: "Luton is a small

crime being reported rival any city in the world.

"We are just documentary makers. We have tried to reach out to the council but not really had much

problems, and the types of

co-operation."
That he believes is a mistake on its behalf.

And whether the council likes it or not, the series looks like it is here to stay.

### YOUR COMMENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA...

DOES '24 Hours in Police Custody' portray Luton in a negative light?



"It's an honest portrayal of the side of the town the council would rather everyone ignored." Adrian Smith

"Yes I think it is a very negative programme. I have lived in Luton all my life and it is no worse than any other town." Jacqueline Allen

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# A hot chocolate saved my life.

### BY KATY HALLAM

A TEENAGER has told how choking on a hot chocolate saved her life after it led to the chance discovery of potentially-fatal blood clots.

Emma Carey, 18, from Caddington, was enjoying her favourite beverage with her childhood friend when an untimely joke left her coughing up a gulp full of Cadbury Fudge Highlights.

But when she was still suffering the effects of the burns hours later, she went to get checked out at hospital - only for scans to reveal the clump of clots which could have killed her if left untreated.

The musical theatre sixthform student, who will now have to resit her first year exams after being forced to drop out to recover, said: "We were just sitting there talking about things we did when we were little.

"My friend Katherine's mum Annelise said something funny...and I just started laughing mid-sip.

"I couldn't stop laughing



and tried not to spit it out but it ran down my throat and felt like being stabbed in the chest.

Two hours later she was having trouble breathing and had pains in her throat and chest.

She was taken to A&E at Luton and Dunstable Hospital following the incident on April 21.

Her family feared she had scalded her throat but a series of tests to check for suspected pneumonia revealed the cluster of lifethreatening blood clots in her right lung.

Emma, who describes herself as 'fit and healthy', was shocked when she was told the silent but deadly blood clots could have shown no symptoms before killing her in a 'sudden death' scenario.

It is believed the clotting was caused when Emma started taking the Rigevidon contraceptive pill just two weeks earlier.

Emma said: "It was the scariest thing that anyone could have said to me

'I was basically told I was a ticking time bomb.

"At first it took a while to sink in. . . I didn't think anything like this could happen to me.
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undergo further tests to deter-mine if she is prone to blood clots.

She added: "I will always be grateful for my love of hot choco-late. If it wasn't for that, I would

be a ticking timebomb.

"I've always liked Costa hot chocolate and those with hazelnut in them but Cadbury's Fudge is probably my favourite now Gedeon Richter,

manufacturers of contraceptive pill Rigevidon, said the safety of the product had been approved by the British Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory



### Family delayed in getting son's body home

THE body of a man killed in Luton this month cannot vet be released to his home country of Ireland for burial.

Kevin Kelly, 27, died after an altercation in Upper George Street on May 1.

The cause of death was a traumatic subarachnoid haemorrhage - bleeding in the area between the brain and the thin tissues that cover it.

A 23-year-old man was arrested in connection with the death and has been bailed on suspicion of manslaughter.

A spokeswoman for the fam-ily said this week: "The main priority is to get him home with his family to be buried."

But senior coroner, Tom Osborne, said at the opening of the inquest into his death on Monday: "Due to the circumstances of the death and the likelihood of an upcoming criminal case I cannot release the body but once someone is charged I can file for a release in 28 days."



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# Four-nights of fireworks leave residents fuming

BUSHMEAD residents have complained to police after four nights on the trot.

The explosives were set off from Monday until Thursday evening at Hawkfields

Bedfordshire Police said while complaints were lodged over the fireworks, it had received no reports of

injuries or properties being targeted. If that is the case, they urge witnesses to call them on 101.

Officers visited the street on Friday afternoon to give reassurance to residents.

A spokesman added: "Our officers will be investigating to see whether offences have been committed and will take appropriate action."

# Striking out over 'unfair' pay rises

BY JENNA HUTBER

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UNIVERSITY staff are set to strike next week

over pay 'double-standards'.

University of Bedfordshire's (UoB) vice chancellor Bill Rammell has seen his pay package, including pension payments, rise £10, 000 to £260k.

Meanwhile UoB dropped ten places to 120 out of 127 in the Complete University Guide. Last year university staff told this newspa-per of their 'terror' after being asked to apply

for voluntary redundancy.

University and Colleges Union's Jane
Thompson said: "The double standards in

university pay are a disgrace, and being felt acutely by staff across our region.

"Whilst vice chancellor pay continues to rise, the majority of academic staff have seen the value of their pay fall by 14.5 per cent in six years, with job insecurity rife. The nation-al 1.1 per cent pay offer does nothing to address these issues, so no wonder staff in Bedfordshire are backing strike action.'

A Uni of Beds spokeswoman said:"The vice chancellor personally requested the board of governors that his payrise should not exceed the pay increase range for the other 120 senior staff at the university, which in turn does not exceed the increase range for all univer-



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#### Jazz star Ian on to a Shaw thing

IAN Shaw has twice been voted 'Best Jazz Vocalist' at the BBC Jazz Awards.

The London-based singer recently released his 14th album 'The Theory Of Joy', and will be showcasing the album for you live.

Doors open at 7pm with the music to start at 8.30pm.
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### Put 'em up! How to fight on stage

WANT to be fighting fit for your next theatre performance?

A stage combat workshop at the Grove Theatre in Dunstable is offering young people professional training for their next dramatic theatre fight scene.

Keith Wallis is an experienced fight choreographer who has worked on many productions including West Side Story.

He is also a stage combat

tutor at the American Musical Theatre Academy.

The workshop runs 10am to 1pm for 12-14 year olds and 2pm to 5pm for 15-18 year olds

year olds.
Tickets cost £25 from 01582 60 20 80.

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# Dynamic dancing

SOME of the country's most promising young dancers will take to the stage for two exclusive local performances.

A range of diverse acts will be showcased from London Studio Centre, one of the most prestigious performing arts colleges in the country.

There will be two innovative shows, with INTOTO Dance at The Hat Factory on Thursday, and classical ballet with a modern twist with IMAGES Ballet at Luton Library Theatre on Friday, June 3.

It is the first time dancers from INTOTO Dance will perform at the Hat Factory, presenting works by up-and-coming and established choreographers: Gemma Nixon, Freddie Opoku-Addaie, Luke Brown and Eleesha Drennan.

The tour operates as an opportunity for aspiring dancers and dance fans alike to witness some of the UK's finest and rising choreographers' work.

Excitement, drama, gorgeous dancing and youthful talent – are all words which have been associated with an evening with INTOTO Dance, who have been inspiring people across the country with beautiful movement for 24 years.

The next evening of dance performance comes from IMAGES Ballet

Company. London Studio Centre's classical ballet company tours fresh ballet works to reach new audiences, combining classical repertoire with new commissions from boundary-pushing choreographers and bringing high quality dance

performances to intimate theatres.

Aspiring ballet stars also have the chance to take a masterclass with the dancers from Images Ballet Company next Saturday and learn more about life as a student and professional ballet dancer.

Some ballet experience is necessary for the workshop, which costs £3 to take part, and runs from 2pm to 4pm at Luton Library Theatre.

The performance of INTOTO takes place at The Hat Factory from 7.30pm to 9.30pm on Thursday - tickets cost £10 for adults, £8 for concessions and £5 for schools.

The prices remain the same for the IMAGES Ballet Show, which starts at 7.30pm on June 3 at Luton Library Theatre. To book tickets for either show or the workshop visit lutonculture.com/ whats-on or call the box office on 01582 878 100.





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# We love ya, Annie

IT'S a hard knock life for you - if you don't get tickets to this show.

One of the classic shows of all time by the genius that is Charles Strouse, will be coming to our neck of the woods two years after it was remade for the big screen starring Jamie Foxx, Quvenzhané Wallis and Cameron Diaz

Now it is back in the area and leading the cast is Birds of a Feather alum Lesley Joseph, taking over the role from Strictly Come Dancing judge Craig Revel Horwood.

But the glamour of her iconic charac ter Dorien Green is nowhere to be seen as she tackles the role of the gritty antagonist, but her reputation for having an acid tongue is sure to be an asset in this cantankerous role

Set in 1930s New York during The Great Depression, brave young orphan Annie is living a life of misery and torment in the 'care' of the cruel Miss Hannigan (Joseph) whose dislike of children is palpable.

Determined to find her real parents, her luck changes when she is chosen to spend Christmas at the residence of famous billionaire, Oliver Warbucks, but spiteful Miss Hannigan has other ideas and hatches a plan to spoil Annie's search for a family.

With its award-winning book and score, this new production includes the unforgettable songs that we all know, such as Easy Street, Little Girls and I Don't Need Anything But You.

No stranger to the bright lights of the



stage, Lesley's theatre credits include Calendar Girls and Hot Flush, and alongside Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson she even brought the Dorien Green character to stages across the country.

But now she has received national acclaim from her role in this touring production, bringing barrels of the malevolence and spite that the role of this cruel mistress of the orphanage

Lesley is joined by Alex Bourne as Oliver Warbucks, Holly Dale Spencer as Grace Farrell, Jonny Fines as Rooster and Dialenga Scott as Lilv.

The show is directed by Nikolai Foster, with the set and costume design by Colin Richmond, choreography by Nick Winston, lighting by Ben Cracknell

and sound design by Richard Brooker. The show will run at Milton Keynes Theatre from May 30 until June 4, with shows starting at 7.30pm each day.

Ticket prices start from £12.50 plus booking fees.

Tickets are limited so don't wait until 'Tomorrow', book now by going to atgtickets.com or calling 0844 871

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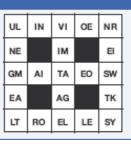
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# Coach Holidays



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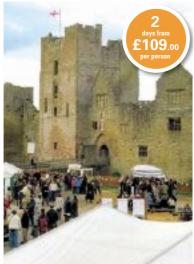
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# PROPERTY TALK

>with NIGEL LEWIS

#### Downton writer's former rural retreat

DOWNTON Abbey creator Julian Fellowes first started writing drama in the attic of his parents' home, putting on plays for their friends.

The budding playwright went on to become an actor in the '80s and '90s and even starred in the West End, but since his screenplay Gosford Park won an Oscar in 2002 he's sensibly decided to stay behind the scenes.

With some Downton fans still mourning the series' passing, the busy wordsmith has moved on, releasing his new novel, a historical drama set in London during the 1840s, in instalments via an app and is now scripting a new TV period drama series in the US.

His family moved here to this rural spot in Chiddingly near Heathfield in East Sussex when Fellowes was 10, although he was at boarding school in Yorkshire much of the time. After his mother died in 1980, Fellowes bought the house from his father, holding parties by the



house's pool for showbiz pals until he sold up in 1988.

Chiddinghurst – now for sale at £1.425m – is set in 7.5 acres of gardens and grounds, with a big sun terrace, tennis court, swimming pool, pool house and paddock.

Dating back to the early 1920s,

the first floor, with a large dressing room and en-suite in the master bedroom and doors opening onto a balcony with views across the gardens. There are also three reception rooms as well as a large kitchen/breakfast room, study and office.

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# Spy's castle has a movie making past

ime spent locked up in France on charges of spying for the British government inspired architect Sir John Vanbrugh to model his fortress-like family home on the Bastille.

His Gothic-style mansion Vanbrugh Castle is pretty formidable, with defence towers, battlements and central tower with a conical, copper roof; in the 1980s, scenes from the film Mona Lisa were shot on the front circular driveway.

The grade one listed property, built in 1719, went on to be owned by oil merchant Alexander Duckham, who donated it to the RAF Benevolent Fund in 1920 to use as a school for children of RAF personnel killed in service. It fell into disrepair until the Blackheath Preservation Trust stepped in and the property was divided into four wings in



here at Maze Hill in South London, with four bedrooms and two bathrooms, is now up for sale at £2.75m.

Long-term owners Dave and Barbara Edgar paid £400,000 for their once run-down home in the mid-1990s and embarked on a year-long restoration. As well as the cellar of their main house, the Edgars also have a second cellar, accessed via the backyard which they use as a

party room and for guest accommodation and storage. There's also a roof-top conservatory complete with kitchenette on the terrace, boasting great views across Greenwich Park, the City and Canary Wharf.

Set in 2.5 acres, the mansion has outdoor spaces that include gardens and woodland shared with the castle's other homeowners.

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# Not a lot of people know this

THE laughs he got acting in a village panto spurred Michael Caine on to pursue a career on the stage. As a 10-year-old wartime evacuee, the then Maurice Micklewhite played Fitznoodle, father of the ugly sisters, in the 1943 Christmas production of Cinderella – and decided he'd found his calling.

Caine had been sent to the tiny village of North Runcton aged seven to escape the Blitz, with his younger brother Stanley and mother Ellen, and stayed for the entire war.

The star of more than 100 films including Get Carter and The Italian Job, Caine spent several years in North Runcton near King's Lynn and has described his years in Norfolk as the happiest time of his life. There's even a blue plaque commemorating his time there.

Still acting all these years later, the octogenarian Oscar winner shows few signs of



slowing down; he's just announced he's to star in family action adventure flick Four Kids And It, voicing the magical, sandy creature the Psammead.

His former home during the conflict was a ramshackle farmhouse next to the school with five other evacuee families, remembered by the actor as a 'tower of Cockney Babel'. They eventually moved to grander digs, the servants' quarter of The

Grange, where his mother took a job as a cook.

Built around 1900, The School House has five double bedrooms, fitted kitchen, dining room, utility room, walk-in pantry and sitting room. It's also got car parking, garden and views of the village green and church.

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#### Not a place to live forever, Noel?

THE warring Gallagher brothers don't look like they're going to kiss and make up any time soon, as an upcoming film about the pair still hasn't brought them together.

Noel reportedly snubbed a chance to reconcile with Liam last week by refusing to get together in Cannes to discuss new Oasis documentary, Supersonic, made by Asif Kapadia, who was behind the award-winning film about Amy Winehouse. Noel quit the band in August 2009 after a backstage bust-up with his younger brother at a festival in Paris which ended with Liam swinging a guitar at Noel's head "like an axe".

The documentary will follow Oasis from their early days through to the release of iconic album Definitely, Maybe, and film-makers recently called on fellow Mancunians to dig out any home movies of the boys in a school nativity play, which mum Peggy Gallagher fondly recalls.

Since the split, Noel has forged a successful path as a solo artist with new band High Flying Birds. The rocker, 48, ditched the



drugs and wild parties to settle down with second wife Sara MacDonald, buying this end-of-terrace house in London's Little Venice in 2010. On the banks of Regent's Canal, he lives there with two sons, Donovan and Sunny, but is looking for £11.5m for it, to move elsewhere.

The six-bedroom home has a

large kitchen with eat-in breakfast area and a separate dining room which leads directly out onto a private patio and garden. There's also a separate mews house with a gym (who knew Noel worked out?) and off-street parking.

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### Home to cricket's founding father

THE original 'beard that was feared', WG Grace was a Victorian sporting superstar.

More legends surround the famous batsman than any other cricketer and according to one anecdote, he once told an official who had judged him out by LBW: "They came to see me bat, not you umpire."

The 22-stone roly-poly figure was nothing like today's trim professionals; with his battered white hat, rolled up sleeves, trousers tugged high and large beard hanging down to his chest. As a practising doctor, Grace was nominally an amateur cricketer and played his cricket in an era of poor pitches and limited practice time, but he's widely considered one of its greatest-ever players.

Known variously as the Champion, the Doctor, or the Grand Old Man, WG (William



Gilbert) dominated the sport during his career, and captained England, Gloucestershire and Marylebone Cricket Club. Over five decades he scored a staggering 54,211 first-class runs, including 124 centuries, and took 2,809 wickets and 876 catches.

Grace was born in 1848 and grew up in this three-storey building in Bristol with his eight siblings. Rather fittingly, the grade two listed Downend House overlooks a cricket ground and is on the market for £595,000. It's been used as an office block for years but its 11 rooms, with bathrooms and kitchens on each floor, have the potential to be converted into flats.

The building has lots of off-street parking, front gardens and a rear courtyard with large storage area

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#### **Burford Close, Barton Hills** £495,995

Extended five bedroom detached family home providing spacious living accommodation throughout. Overall the property comprises of a spacious entrance hall with downstairs cloakroom, family-room, kitchen/breakfast-room dining room  $living \ room \ and \ study. \ To \ the \ first \ floor \ the \ landing \ leads \ to \ the \ master \ bedroom \ with \ fitted \ wardrobes \ and \ en-suite \ bathroom$ with corner bath. Bedroom two also benefits from an en-suite shower room and fitted wardrobes. There are a further three bedrooms, one other double and two good size singles with a four piece refitted family bathroom. EPC commissioned.







#### Turnpike Drive, Luton £415,000

Well maintained and spacious extended four bedroom detached family home situated. The present owners have extended to the front and rear providing even more living accommodation throughout. The property comprises of an entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, conservatory, first floor landing leading to four good sized bedrooms and a family four piece bathroom. Externally there is a front garden with a driveway to a car port leading to the rear garden. Council tax band E. EPC rating D.







#### Wiseman Close, Bushmead £310,000

An extended three bedroom family home. The property is close to local amenities to include schools and good access to railway links and motorways. An internal viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the spaciousness of the home. The property comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, utility room, shower room/WC. First floor landing with three bedrooms and a family bathroom. Externally front garden with driveway of several cars to detached garage with personal door to rear garden. EPC commissioned.







#### **Stratton Gardens, Old Bedford Road Area** £410,000

Double bay fronted three bedroom detached home set off the prestigious Old Bedford Road. The property benefits from a refitted designer kitchen, a new central heating system, solid oak flooring and doors and has the potential to be extended (STPP) to provide even further living accommodation. The downstairs property accommodation comprises of an entrance hall, lounge, dining room and a kitchen-breakfast room. The first floor landing leads to three good sized bedrooms and a family bathroom with a separate w/ c. Externally the front garden boasts a driveway leading to the garage and a good sized private rear garden. EPC commissioned.







#### Barton Road, Luton £765,000

Impressive, extended five bedroom detached family home which provides spacious living accommodation throughout. Three reception rooms, refitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, 5 bedrooms. Externally, the driveway is accessed via feature remote control electric wrought iron gates with intercom system, the large driveway provides parking for several cars and leads to the garage. The rear garden is secluded and in excess of 80 ft. EPC rating D.







#### Warden Hill Road, Warden Hills £340,000

Very well presented four bedroom extended detached chalet bungalow. The property offers excellent value for money and does have planning permission for an extension to the rear and to the first floor. Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, dinning room and three bedrooms on the ground floor as well as the four piece bathroom suite with corner bath. To the first floor is the fourth bedroom with en-suite bathroom. Externally there is a good size driveway leading to a detached garage, to the rear the fantastic size garden mainly laid to lawn.Located in the Warden Hills area. EPC commissioned.













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# **Alder Court, Leagrave** £125,000

Excellent first floor maisonette which would be an ideal purchase for first time buyers and investors alike where a monthly rental income of £595 can look to be achieved. Internally the property needs slight upgrading. EPC commissioned.



# Claremont Road, Leagrave £249,995

Rarely available and quite unique three double bedroom semi detached property. Two reception rooms, a lounge, 13ft. kitchen/diner. To the first floor there are three double bedrooms and a fitted family bathroom and converted loft area. EPC rating E.







#### Redmire Close, Lea Meadows £310,000

Stunning chain free family home. Internally the property is very well presented and consists of living room, dining room, 16ft conservatory, refitted downstairs cloakroom and a fitted modern kitchen with space for all appliances. To the first floor there are three bedrooms and a family bathroom. Externally there is a lovely rear garden with great potential to extended STPP and to the front there is a garage and driveway providing off road parking. EPC rating D.



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Three bedroom semi detached property in the popular Bramingham area of North Luton. Internally the property briefly comprises of an entrance, hallway, living room/diner and a kitchen. To the first floor there are three well proportioned bedrooms and a refitted family bathroom suite. EPC Rating commissioned.



# **Blundell Road, Leagrave** £269,995

Extended 1930 bay fronted traditional property.

Entrance hall, lounge with feature fire place, second 15ft reception room opening onto a large extended kitchen/ breakfast room and three well proportioned bedrooms and a family bathroom. EPC commissioned.



# **Brompton Close, Bramingham** £350,000

Stunning four bedroom detached property with no upper chain. Internally the property has been beautifully redecorated and upgraded to a high specification. Refitted downstairs shower room, 20ft lounge and a fabulous 20ft kirchen/diner, four double bedrooms, and a refitted four piece bathroom suite. FPC ratino F.



# **Westmorland Avenue, Leagrave** £279,999

In brief the property comprises of an entrance, hallway and open plan living/dining areas with a fitted kitchen towards the rear with space for all appliances. To the first floor there are three well proportioned bedrooms and a family bathroom suite.







#### Norton Road, Leagrave O.I.E.O. £294,995

Exquisite three bedroom, extended semi detached home. The current owners have done a fantastic job in maintaining this property to an exceptional standard and have boosted the property in terms of appeal by adding an extension to the rear which accommodates a 23 foot kitchen/diner overlooking a beautiful garden with feature pond. The garage has been converted and now accommodates a guest bedroom or could be used as a separate reception room. EPC commissioned.



# **Blundell Road, Leagrave** £255,000

Chain free three bedroom bay fronted end of terrace property. In brief the property comprises of an entrance porch, hallway and an open plan foot living room/diner along with a fitted kitchen. To the first floor there are three well proportioned bedrooms and fitted bathroom suite. EPC commissioned.



# **Brooklands Close, Leagrave** £250,000

Very well presented three bedroom semi detached property located in this select cul-de-sac. Internally the property comprises of an entrance hall, lounge, refitted downstairs bathroom, modern white gloss extended kitchen/diner. To the first floor there are three double bedrooms. EPC Rating E.

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#### Meyrick Avenue, Farley Hill £270,000

Traditional bay fronted three bedroom semi detached family home comprising of an entrance hall, two reception rooms, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and family bathroom. EPC rating E.



#### Saywell Road, Round Green £275,000

Recently re-furbished two bedroom semi detached bungalow. The accommodation comprises of an entrance hall, re-fitted kitchen, lounge/diner, two bedrooms and family bathroom. The master bedroom & en-suite is on the first floor. Externally the rear garden has a garage for storage. EPC rating E.







#### Tameton Close, Wigmore £435,000

Well presented four bedroom detached family home positioned in a cul-de-sac location. The accommodation comprises of an entrance hallway, cloakroom, two separate reception rooms with the dining room to the front, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, four bedrooms with the master benefiting from an en-suite. The property also benefits from having the potential to extend STPP. Externally there is a rear garden mainly laid to lawn with patio area, driveway providing off road parking and a double garage. EPC rating D.



#### Raynham Way, Wigmore £370,000

Extremely well presented four bedroom detached property. Entrance porch, entrance hall with stairs rising to the first floor, kitchen, lounge/diner, four bedrooms, two doubles and two good sized singlest. Rear garden and garage. EPC rating D.



#### Pevensey Close, Putteridge £375,000

Beautiful detached home. Entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, lounge, conservatory, kitchen, four well proportioned bedrooms, two doubles and two large singles and family bathroom. Externally the property has an easily maintained rear garden. FPC commissioned



#### Walnut Close, Stopsley O.I.E.O. £370,000

Rarely available four bedroom detached property situated in a quiet cu-de-sac. Entrance hallway with guest cloakroom, two seperate reception rooms, lounge, dining room, kitchen, four well proportioned bedrooms and a family bathroom. EPC rating D.



#### Warminster Close, Wigmore £435,000

Four bedroom detached family home. Entrance hall, quest cloakroom, two seperate reception rooms, the large family lounge, fitted kitchen & utility room on the first floor there are four bedrooms, two doubles and two single bedrooms. The master bedroom has an en-suite. EPC commissioned.







#### Ryecroft Way, Stopsley £280,000

Two/three bedroom semi detached bungalow. The accommodation comprises of an entrance hall and a bathroom which has been converted into a shower/wet room, kitchen and lounge. There are two double bedrooms both with front aspects. Bedroom three can also be used as a dining room and is to the rear of the property. Externally the rear garden is mainly laid to lawn. The front garden has off road parking for a couple of vehicles. Further benefits include double glazing and gas central heating. EPC rating D.



#### Reedsdale, Wigmore £299,995

Chain free three bedroom semi-detached house located in a quiet cul-de-sac. Briefly comprising of an entrance porch, generous lounge with separate dining area. Off the dining-room is the kitchen. Upstairs the property benefits from three double bedrooms and a family bathroom. EPC rating D.



#### **Cowridge Crescent, Round Green** £275,000

Three bedroom semi with no upper chain. The accommodation comprises of an entrance hall, kitchen, lounge/diner three bedrooms, two doubles and a nice sized single bedroom and bathroom. EPC rating D.











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#### Highview Court, High Town £695

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#### Kinross Crescent, Sundon Park £795

A delightful two double bedroom first floor maisonette located in the popular Sundon Park area of Luton. The property is located within easy reach of schools & shops and also benefits from being within close distance of Leagrave Train Station and the M1 Motorway. The accommodation comprises; entrance porch, large lounge, refitted kitchen, two spacious double bedrooms and a refitted bathroom suite with shower. Externally the property offers a small side garden and ample street parking. The property is offered unfurnished and is available from late May. Call today to arrange your viewing. EPC Rating: F







#### **Branton Close, Wigmore £850**

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#### Ramridge Road, Round Green £850

An extremely well presented two double bedroom terraced property located in the popular Round Green area of Luton. The property is conveniently located within easy reach of several local schools & shops and also benefits from being within easy reach of; Luton Train Station, M1 Motorway and Luton International Airport. The accommodation comprise; entrance hall, lounge/diner, refitted kitchen with appliances, refitted ground floor shower room and two double bedrooms to the first floor. The property is offered unfurnished and is available from late May. Call today to arrange your viewing. EPC Rating: E







#### **Viceroy Court, Dunstable £540**

A well presented third floor maisonette located near the centre of Dunstable Town. The property is conveniently located within easy reach of several shops and also benefits from being within close proximity of the M1 Motorway.The accommodation comprises; lounge area, refitted kitchen, bedroom with fitted wardrobe and refitted bathroom suite with shower facility. The property is offered furnished or unfurnished and is available now. Call today to arrange your viewing.EPC Rating: F



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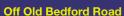
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#### **HR/Office Administrator**

£15.592 - £17.067 p.a.

Vacancy ID: 104814

35 hours per week, term-time plus 5 days

We are currently looking for a HR/Office Administrator to join our busy admin team in September 2016 to help support the smooth running of our school.

As an HR/Office Administrator you will be expected to undertake a number of vital duties to ensure the smooth running of HR across two sites as well as providing a professional and welcoming front desk.

We are looking to recruit someone with outstanding administrative skills with a sound knowledge of Microsoft Office. A natural communicator who can run reception as well as manage the schools HR requirements. Someone is who is motivated, friendly and willing to be flexible, as you may be required to work from either site

If you think you would enjoy working in a busy school environment and have the ability to work well within a team, we would love to hear from you. A flexible and positive attitude is essential, together with excellent organisational and time management skills.

Required hours will be 08:30 to 16:00, Monday to Friday including training days.

If you would like an informal chat about the position please call the Tennyson Team on 01582 723 230 or by e-mail at admin@tennysonroad.primaryluton.co.uk

Closing Date: 26th May 2016 Interview Date: 17th June 2016

#### **Midday Supervisory Assistant**

£2,060 - £2,074 p.a. plus supplement to bring pay Vacancy ID: 104848 in line with the Living Wage, which is currently £8.25 per hour 6.25 hours per week, term-time only

Due to expansion Tennyson Road Primary are looking for a Midday Supervisor. This post is for 1.25 hours per day Monday to Friday (term time only).

We are looking for a midday supervisor to join our busy team in September 2016. The successful candidate will help support the lunchtime playground activities, supervise pupils during the lunchtime session and ensure their safety and general welfare. A caring, understanding nature and the ability to communicate effectively with children and adults are essential qualities for this post.

Visits to the school are welcomed and encouraged, please call us on 01582 723230 to make an appointment.

Please note that previous applicants need not apply.

For further details on either of these roles please email

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Interview Date: 24th June 2016

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I FAGRAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strangers Way, Luton LU4 9ND

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#### **Administration Assistant/Receptionist**

£9,036 - £9,646 p.a. plus supplement to bring pay Vacancy ID: 104828 in line with the Living Wage, which is currently £8.25 per hour

25 hours per week, term time, plus 5 training days

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Closing Date: 6th June 2016, Midday

Interview Date: w/c 13th June 2016

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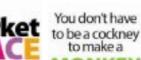
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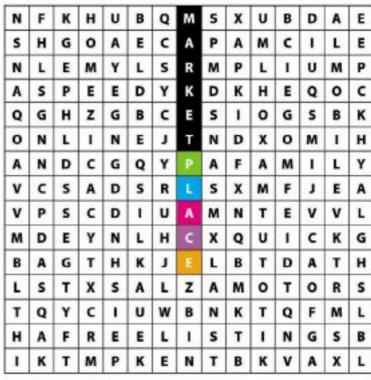
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The Order will come into operation at 08.30 hours on Sunday 29th May 2016 and cease operation after 20.00 hours on Sunday 29th May 2016 or when the proposed event has finished, whichever is earlier. The Order will therefore be in operation during such time and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs, marshals, barriers or cones.

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The purpose of the Order is to enable the roads listed in the Schedule to be closed to facilitate the holding of the Luton International Carnival 2016 event on Sunday 29th May 2016 and enable members of the public to watch.

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**SCHEDULE** 

22nd May 2016

**Highway Services Manager** Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
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THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION)
(AMENDMENT NO.44) ORDER 2016

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NOTICE is hereby given that on 16th May 2016 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Orders under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Orders will come into effect on Monday 13th June 2016.

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- 2. Introduce a 6.6 metre long Disabled Blue Badge Holder Only parking bay outside No.66 Selbourne Road.
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22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

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#### SCHEDULE - Introduce No Waiting at Any Time restrictions

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l	Claremont Road.	Both sides from its junction with Selbourne Road for a distance of 5 metres
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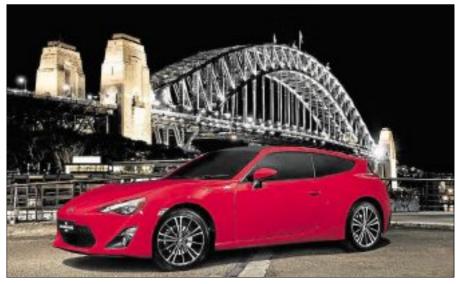
which adds new hatchback styling to the rear of the GT86, was unveiled in Sydney by GT86

chief engineer Tetsuya Tada. Its designers say the lines of the prototype are still sporty, but it's more practical as it allows the roof to be used to carry surfboards, bikes or storage pods for a weekend away while the larger opening of the new boot enables much easier loading.

Mr Tada said he was inspired to support the project after being shown a one quarter-scale clay model of the concept during a visit to Australia in 2014.

At the world reveal he said: "It is a fully functioning, drivable vehicle that has been put through its paces on Toyota test tracks

"The GT86's nicely weighted and direct steering ensures the car retains the coupe's involving driving experience with a slightly more neutral feel in tight



corners." Brad Cramb, of Toyota Australia, said the concept's shooting brake name reflected how the design gives the GT86 more rear head room and luggage space. He added: "The Toyota GT86 lends itself perfectly to a concept that expands its appeal

with added versatility, while retaining its sleek and sporty coupe styling and sharp, responsive driving character.

Mr Tada said Toyota wanted to gauge reaction to the concept, and although it has been produced as an internal design

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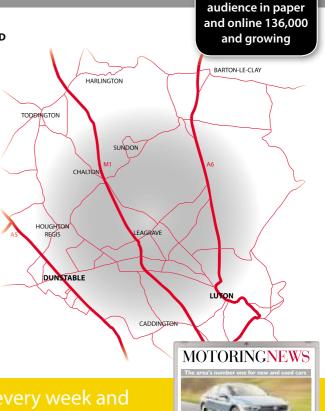
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# Volkswagen Alltrack Take a look inside. . .

#### BY JOHN MURDOCH

VOLKSWAGEN finally launched the Golf Estate Alltrack in the UK last December - almost a year after other manufacturers in the VW Group had launched their offerings on the same platform.

Surprisingly the Golf Alltrack is having to play catch-up with the Skoda Octavia Scout and the Seat Leon X-Perience, its sibling rivals. Essentially VW has taken the popular Golf Estate and given it a macho makeover to turn it into the Alltrack.

As a result it is taller, has fourwheel-drive and boasts body cladding to protect it if owners want to take it onto the rough stuff. It comes in a variety of petrol or diesel engines and there is also a choice of manual or automatic gearboxes.

The suspension has been raised to cope with light off-road duties but this has not damaged the car's ride in any way and actually seems to have improved it.

The handling is also just as sharp and the four-wheel-drive system makes the Alltrack feel very secure in the wet.

This car came with the largest of the three diesel engines on offer, the 2.0-litre 184ps unit

coupled to the excellent DSG

automatic gearbox.

It offers loads of torque and refinement and delivers its power quietly and without fuss.

As you would expect, economy does drop down to a claimed 57.6mpg from the 67mpg of the front-wheel-drive only Golf Estate but the good news is that you will get quite close to that figure

figure.

The cabin is premium quality and provides comfort for five along with all the latest features for your convenience and the latest in-car entertainment and communication systems.

Standard equipment is generous and includes hill descent control, stop/start, full climate control, all-electric windows, folding electronic door mirrors with integrated indicators, a multifunction computer, misfuel prevention device, automatic driving lights, rain sensors and loads more

loads more.
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### Kia Sportage named best diesel

ONLY a few months after its launch the all-new Kia Sportage has been crowned with a significant accolade by becoming the Diesel Car Magazine Car of the Year. The fourth generation Sportage bettered the competition due to its excellent specification levels, even on low grade vehicles, including Bluetooth connectivity, DAB radio and satellite navigation. This coupled with its dynamic handling and distinctive design, made this family crossover a clear choice for the top spot. The Sportage was also voted the best medium sized SUV by the magazine. The Sportage strong points were its competitive prices with the range starting from £17,995 and the lead-in diesel, the1.7 CRDi 6-speed manual version, at £19,745 - all covered by the brand's industry leading seven year warranty. Kia's new crossover, which was introduced to the UK market in February, has already seen impressive sales success with more than 14,000 customers placing orders in just four months. Editor and publisher of Diesel Car. Ian Robertson, said: "The Sportage won the top spot because of its generous equipment levels. keen prices and excellent road manners, which means that the Sportage leapfrogs the competition to sit at the very top of the class." Paul Philpott, president and chief executive of Kia Motors (UK) said: "We are delighted and honoured to get this tremendous accolade from Diesel Car. Clearly new Sportage is a big winner with customers and Diesel Car's endorsement only reinforces the car's success."



#### MINI Seven for Goodwood debut

By: Stewart Smith

VISTIORS to the Goodwood Festival of Speed next month will get the first look at the latest version of the MINI. It has been badged the MINI Seven, taking its name from the very first Mini, the 1959 Austin Seven, and has been developed to show the style inspired by the original Mini and the current take from BMW. The MINI Seven joins the current generation MINI hatchback range in five-door or three-door form with specially designed exterior and interior door form with specially designed exterior and interior looks. The new offering will be recognisable by its 'MINI Yours' body finish which comes as standard in Lapisluxury Blue - a finish described as the most intensive blue tone so far applied to a MINI. Three other body colours from the MINI paint range are also available - Pepper White, Midnight Black and British Racing Green. A silver roof and exterior mirror caps also come as standard and so do MINI Seven door sill finishers and side scuttles with the Seven logo as well as 17-inch light alloy wheels in two-tone design. Inside, the design cues continue with sports seats in a fabric/ leather finish called Diamond Malt Brown which has been designed exclusively for the MINI Seven. A 6.5-inch colour display screen also comes as standard alongside the MINI well as the MINI Navigation System, Prices start from Connected system, Bluetooth handsfree with USB audio, floor mats, automatic dual-zone air conditioning and a storage compartment pack. Additional optional equipment from the MINI range is available including a panoramic and Cooper SD specifications



seat heating, a Harmon Kardon hi-fi speaker system as £18,545 for the three-door and from £19,145 for five-door model which are available in Cooper, Cooper D, Cooper S

#### RARE FORD ESCORT UP FOR SALE

**By: Stewart Smith** 



A VERY special 1979 Ford Escort Ghia, in timewarp condition and with less than 4,000 miles on the clock, will feature at the next Classic Car Auctions sale to be held at the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre. Looking as pristine as the day it left the factory 37 years ago, the 1.6-litre model has a fascinating history. Supplied new to its first owner the car was used mainly on trips to his holiday cottage. Spending most of his time in

London, the owner barely drove the Escort, keeping it safely in storage. Several years later, while enquiring at a local garage about replacing a windscreen wiper, the workshop took such an interest in car and its exceptional condition for its age that they went on to buy it. The car was then acquired by its current owner in 2013, still in immaculate condition, and it has been stored as part of a private collection since. Now offered for sale having spent the last two years in storage, the preserved, right-hand drive manual HR model will be offered with a price estimate of between £9,000 and £11,000. The Escort Ghia, with its characteristic square headlights, wooden facia dashboard and velour interior with leather trim, would have been a sophisticated choice in 1979. Ford developed the Ghia specifically for the small, luxury car market. The car has a fresh MoT and will be accompanied by its history file and the original dealer handbook folder. The auction takes place on Saturday, June 18 at the Exhibition Centre near Leamington Spa.

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#### **NEW PICASSO ON CITROEN HORIZON**

**Rv**· Stewart Smith

NEW versions of the Citroen C4 Picasso and the bigger Grand C4 Picasso MPV are on the way. The C4 and Grand C4 Picassos have been given a new front end, new standard specification 3D-effect rear lights and 17-inch alloy wheels, plus a two-tone roof is available on the C4 Picasso five-seat and there is a new silver coloured roof bar option for Grand C4 Picasso, as well as three new body colours. Inside, the new models have been kitted out with a 3D Citroen Connect Nav system, which is combined with an updated seven-inch touchscreen. This new system also enhances the functionality of the 12-inch HD screen on the upper part of the dashboard. It also comes with a hands-free

tailgate, which allows the driver to open the boot with a simple movement of their foot at the rear of the vehicle. In addition the new C4s come with high tech gear including Speed Limit Sign Recognition, Adaptive Cruise Control, Lane Departure Warning, Active Safety Brake, Driver Attention Alert and Active Blind Spot Monitoring. The range is also being extended with new powertrains which include the 1.2-litre PureTech 130ps petrol engine with an automatic gearbox. Citroen says that fuel consumption for both the five and seven-seat models is rated at 55.4mpg with CO2 emissions of 115g/km. Prices for the new line up, which will be available come September, have yet to be announced.

#### **DS DESIGNS A COSMETICS CRACKER**

By: Mike Torpey

RACY car brand DS Automobiles and cosmetics company Givenchy are 'made up' with their collaboration that will see a fresh-faced new model hit the streets next month. It is called the DS 3 Givenchy Le MakeUp Limited Edition and has been created to highlight both French luxury and elegance in which edition will be easign. The newcomer, which will be on display first at a DS World Paris exhibition until June 7, will be available as a hatchback and a Cabrio, either with a manual gearbox or the latest EATG automatic transmission. Only 500 cars are up for grabs in the UK and all will be powered by the DS brands PureTech 110 S&S 3-cylinder petrol engine. As more than half of all DS 3 drivers are women, the limited edition has been designed to meet the modern day woman's expectations. So a bespoke Givenchy Le MakeUp kit is stored



expectations. So a pespoke Givenchy Le MakeUp kit is stored in a special compartment in the driver's armrest and both vanity mirrors feature special LED lighting developed exclusively for the model. The car's unique styling includes a textured white body colour called Opaline White, while the exterior look is completed with Givenchy Le MakeUp door badges. Inside, there's a Rose Pink dashboard and black leather upholstery. DS says it has reinvented a matt finish on this car's bodywork, using a new paint process for the first time. The textured paint, not used by any other carmaker, has a granular feel and striking finish aimed at highlighting the lines of the car and contrasts with the Whisper Purple colour of the roof and door mirrors. Prices for the New DS 3 Givenchy Le MakeUp Limited Edition start from £19,395 for the hatchback and £21,695 for the Cabrio version.

#### NISSAN MAKES 50,000 SUNDERLAND LEAFS



THREE years after Nissan introduced electric vehicle and battery manufacturing to Europe, the 50,000th European-built LEAF has rolled off the company's production line in Sunderland. Manufactured in Nissan's flagship UK plant it is the first time a European car maker has built 50,000 electric vehicles and the batteries which power them. The silver, Tekna grade Nissan LEAF off the production line in

Sunderland is destined for a customer in France. Europeanbuilt Nissan LEAFs are currently exported to 23 global markets covering Western Europe and other destinations as diverse as Argentina, Iceland, Israel and Taiwan. Nissan LEAF and battery manufacturing was launched in the UK in 2013 and supports over 2,000 jobs at Nissan and in its UK suppliers.

Already 2016 is shaping up to be a landmark year for LEAF, with the extended-range LEAF introduced to Europe and the announcement that Nissan's future generation batteries are confirmed for production in Sunderland – a further £26.5 million investment in the plant. Paul Wilcox, chairman of Nissan Europe, said: "What Nissan is doing today with electric vehicle technology is more advanced than any other car manufacturer. "This milestone is another first for Nissan and for our team in Sunderland. No other brand has Nissan's experience or expertise in bot th battery and vehicle production, and I'm thrilled that over 50,000 customers in Europe share our vision for a zero emission future." Five years ago the Nissan LEAF became the first mass-market electric vehicle to go on sale and it remains the best-selling EV of all time with almost 220,000 vehicles sold worldwide. A more powerful 30kWh version of the Leaf with a range of up to 155 miles on a single charge was launched last year and in Britain is priced from £23,590 with the Government grant for electric vehicles





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# **Sport on sunday**

# Excitement now builds for great sporting summer

THE start of England's first Test Match of the season is gauged by many as the starting point of the British sporting summer and there seems to be more to look forward to than ever this year.

On the subject of cricket, it's been a fantastic start to the season for Bedfordshire, who have won all four of their group games in qualifying for the quarter finals of the Unicorns Knockout Trophy.

It's not often a player who still has ambitions of playing for England turns out for them, but Luton's Monty Panesar appeared three times for his home county as he continued his recovery from a



shoulder injury. The fact that he played for Northamptonshire in the County Championship and bowled more than 40 overs this week suggests moonlighting with Beds seems to have done the trick.

It may not be an Ashes summer (for once), but

cricket will be making headlines again, even though it will do well to knock football off the back pages this year. Football fans don't often get

Football fans don't often get much of a chance to get with-drawal symptoms these days, but it's fair to say there's no chance of that happening this summer with Euro 2016 getting underway in less than three weeks.

The fact that it's also the first European Championship with 24 countries involved means it's bigger than ever, though whether that means it's better remains to be seen.

Plus, there's more home nations interest in a major competition since the 1986 World Cup with Wales and Northern Ireland making the hop across the Channel with England - and if that fails, the Republic of Ireland are there

too.
There are the usual highlights of Wimbledon, The Open, the British Grand Prix and the Tour de France and there are the summer rugby tours with England heading to Australia, and Wales faced with the daunting task of New

Zealand. But the pinnacle of the months ahead is surely the Olympics (even though I'll be shot down by some football fans for saving that).

I'll be shot down by some football fans for saying that). Great Britain would do incredibly well if they were to match the 65 medals won in 2012, but the signs are good that Team GB will make a good fist of trying to do that.

The European Swimming Championships at the London Aquatics Centre this week gave us a little taster of the excitement ahead of us, particularly if Adam Peaty continues to be so dominant in the 100m breaststroke.

The 21-year-old is the world record holder in that event and despite him not even being in peak condition, his fellow competitors couldn't get near him as he won gold.

He's already a household name, but the Games could make him a superstar.



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# **Pickard fires Bedfordshire to top spot**

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CRICKET

AN explosive century by Michael Pickard helped Bedfordshire to a dramatic victory at Hertfordshire last Sunday as they ensured they finished top of Group Four in the Unicorns Knockout Trophy.

On what was a good batting track at Harpenden, Beds maintained their 100 per cent record in the competition by chasing down a huge target of 344 in what was their final group fixture.

Opening batsman Eddie Ballard struck 111 off 98 balls, including 17 fours, as Hertfordshire made the visitors toil in the field before eventually being bowled out for 343, although Colin Griggs was to take 3-48.

Bedfordshire then recovered from a poor start to their reply, but they looked set to fall short despite Charlie Thurston's 91 off 75 deliveries. But Pickard produced a match-winning

But Pickard produced a match-winning 100 not out off 81 balls (11 fours, three sixes) as part of an unbroken stand of 96 for the eighth wicket with Jason Jakeman as they reached their target with five deliveries left.

Hertfordshire won the toss and chose to bat and James Southgate and Ballard were to pile on 195 for the host's opening wicket, with the latter completing his century off 90 halls

Luke Thomas finally broke through for Beds in the 30th over when he bowled Ballard and Southgate followed in the next over for an excellent 81 when George Thurstance sent his stumps tumbling.

Thurstance then struck again to remove Steve

Inurstance then struck again to remove Ster Gale (14) but Reece Hussain thrashed 50 off just 33 deliveries. He perished on 58 when he became Beds captain Andy Reynoldson's first victim and Hertfordshire wicketkeeper Daniel Blacktopp was then run out by Dean Bryce without facing a ball.

Jakeman struck four balls later when he removed Joe Cooke for just a single and the same man bowled James Scott before Griggs dismissed Herts captain Ben Frazer for 42. Griggs then claimed the wickets of Syed

Kazmi and Ed Wharton in the final over to polish off Hertfordshire's tail. But Bedfordshire's reply began with Ben Howgego being bowled by Gurjit Sandhu off the very first ball and Thomas was to face 10 deliveries without scoring before the same man

A partnership of 103 for the third wicket between Thurston and Thurstance helped to stabilise the visitors' innings, but

Thurstance fell on 39 off the bowling of Soutgate and Kazmi then dismissed Reynoldson for a four-ball duck before Thurston perished nine runs short of 100 when he was bowled by

claimed his wicket.

Sandhu then made Callum Berrill (23) his next victim, with Frazer the catcher, and things were now looking bleak with Beds reduced to 165-6.

Pickard had arrived at the crease by this point, but he looked to be running out of partners once Southgate claimed the wicket of keener Greg Barden (35).

'keeper Greg Barden (35).

But he was to complete a fantastic century in the penultimate over as he and Jakeman guided their side to a memorable win, secured by Jakeman's four off Frazer in the final over.

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# **Sport on sunday**

# Jack 'never saw it coming

#### **FOOTBALL**

#### BY JAMES CUNLIFFE

JACK Marriott claims he's overachieved this season by finishing as Luton's top goalscorer - a feat he couldn't have envisaged when the Hatters signed Craig Mackail-Smith last summer.

The 21-year-old was a little known prospect when he moved from Ipswich on a free as the first of 12 summer recruits, while the last of those was the marquee capture of the more established Scottish inter-national and Brighton & Hove Albion's 2011 record signing.

Mackail-Smith certainly began the

campaign as the main man up front and netted three in his first eight games, but he only struck once more in a total of 34 appearances and saw his season end in March with an ankle injury.
In his first full Football League

season, Marriott was initially deployed as substitute, but he made a big impact, bagging a brace in his first start, and finished with a double against Exeter on Saturday to take his final tally to 16.

"I certainly didn't see that coming," Marriott said of outscoring



Mackail-Smtih, who he admitted had been unlucky with injuries, adding: "He's a great pro and I've learned a lot from him and I get on really well with him." After two years on six different

loan spells while at Portman Road,

Marriott admitted that his initial aims when he joined Luton were rather more modest.

"[It was] just to be a regular firstteam player, between starts and the bench, so that people look at me and think, 'he's a first-team player, rather than a youngster', and I'd like to think I've achieved that, especially given the amount of goals I've scored," he said.

"In terms of goals, I think I've overachieved from what I kind of expected. I always want to score but to get

16 in my first real season, I couldn't be happier. That's very pleasing and something that I'm very proud of

But, despite Marriott's individual success – which also included being 'surprised and shocked' at sweeping four gongs at the end-of-season awards – the season, from a team perspective, fell short of the mark.

He said: "It's very pleasing, personally, to get the goals I have in the number of starts I've had (20) and to have a good minutes to goals ratio is really, really quite pleasing.

"But to miss out on the play-offs; I think we all expected and hoped for more this season and we're all bitterly disappointed but we'll only use that as motivation for next season."

Marriott was compared by former Luton teammate Jake Howells to ex-Hatters striker Andre Gray, who finished as top scorer in the Championship in his first season at

Burnley following a £9 million move. It's a comparison that Marriott is flattered by, as he said: "He's [Gray] a hell of a player and he's got a lot of very good attributes and he wouldn't be at the top of the Champ, just promoted to the Premier League, for any other reason. He's the top goal-scorer in the Championship and that takes some doing, but yeah, that's a hell of a compliment. That's what I strive to get to."



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LUTON Town manager Nathan Jones has continued to trim his squad ahead of this summer's rebuilding job by releasing goalkeeper Elliot Justham and midfielder Matt Robinson.

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Both players had been contracted to the Hatters until 2017, but they have agreed to be released from their deals a year early and are free to find new clubs this summer.

The duo's departure means 11 players have now been released by Luton after the end of the 2015/16 season, after Jake Howells, Alex Lawless and Paul Benson were among the initial group to be let go last week.

What is for certain now is that Town will be bringing in a new goalkeeper this summer after 25-year-old Justham's three-year spell with the club was brought to an end.

It follows the departure of veteran Mark Tyler, who is now goalkeeping coach at Peterborough, although whether this means a return for Jonathan Mitchell after his loan from Derby in the season just gone remains to be seen.

Justham made 40 appearances for the Hatters after signing from non-league East Thurrock United as an understudy to Tyler in the summer of 2013, including 16 this season.

Jones told Luton's website: "I spoke to Elliot at the end of the season to explain that I would be bringing in another goal-keeper and he asked if I could guarantee him regular first team football – I said I couldn't and we talked through the situation.

"A few days later he approached me and said that he wants to play regular senior football – something I understand but cannot guarantee here – and we eventually agreed that it might be best for all parties if he left the club."

Robinson arrived at Kenilworth Road in 2012 after he was released by Leicester City and he played 46 times for the Hatters, scoring three goals. He was part of the Luton squad that won promotion back to the Football League in 2013/14, but the 21-year-old has found first-team football hard to come by in the last two years and has spent time on loan at Kidderminster, Grimsby and Woking.

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Jones said: "Matt has not been involved with the first team this season and at just shy of his 22nd birthday it is important that he doesn't spend another season in limbohe needs to be playing regularly and establishing his career again.

"We had a good chat – he understands my position and I certainly respect his need to move on – so it was an easy decision in the end.

"Both lads have been excellent professionals and haven't caused me any problems whatsoever – each of their circumstances are slightly different, but in the end we felt, in each case, that it is the right thing to do for Luton Town Football Club and the players themselves. I hope they each go on to enjoy the next chapters in their careers."

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